

Congress at Work to-day; Tariff First

Leaders Insist That Program to Postpone Tax Legislation Stand, Even if Harding Asks Change

Senate Divided On Revenue Plans

President's Message To Be Heard To-morrow; Long Session Forecast

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, April 10.—With the biggest problems before it, in the opinion of many, have confronted a Congress since Civil War reconstruction days, the Sixty-seventh Congress will convene in special session at noon to-morrow. Despite top-heavy Republican majorities in both branches, prospects are that months will elapse before there is legislation on the subject in which the whole country is vitally interested—tax revision.

The only thing that will prevent practically the whole summer being wasted in attempting to build up high protective walls around agriculture as well as industry is intervention by President Harding. House leaders are bent on passing every item of tariff legislation before taking up taxation. The President alone can call a halt to their plan. It is improbable, however, that he will attempt to direct Congress at the outset of his administration. There still is much resentment and smarting on Capitol Hill from the eight years of lashing by Woodrow Wilson.

Will Not Be Swayed by Message

Regardless of whether the President places tax legislation ahead of tariff revision in his message Tuesday, Republican leaders of the House are determined not to let anything get in the way of the tariff program. When the President some time ago recommended enactment of an emergency tariff to take care of the farm situation it was the signal for the tariff forces to organize to put through a big program before tax questions come up. The President's suggestion that tax legislation follow the emergency tariff fell on deaf ears.

The House Republicans are going to pass tariff bills in this order:

- Young emergency tariff bill.
- Anti-dumping bill.
- American valuation bill.
- General permanent tariff bill.

The three first named will be disposed of in the next two weeks, it is expected. The month of June is likely to be devoted to the permanent tariff bill. The House will not be reported until about May 15, and the practice is not to muzzle debate on general tariff legislation.

Sailing for the emergency tariff will be the anti-dumping act. Serious objections have developed to the measure to provide that duties shall be assessed on their American values. Duties assigned by the tariff commission to draft the plan for serious trouble. They are finding difficulty in shaping a bill that will not hurt in some sections.

Senate Would Combine Trio

It is expected that an effort will be made in the Senate to combine the three bills. The purpose of this will be to muster enough support to obtain passage. It is the same thing as adding items to a tariff bill to attract votes for it, or to hold back the tariff bill until the Senate passes all of the tariff acts. Should the Senate majority, which favors tax legislation first, start a contest to hold back the tariff bill, the longer there is no telling where the contest will end.

The hope of business and the people generally, who want the tax laws revised, is that President Harding, after a few weeks of sea-sawing and little accomplishment, will step in and tell Congress what to do. The House leaders will listen to the President if he makes such a suggestion.

Chemist Says Rich Ohio Soil Makes Presidents

Prof. Crilly Also Finds Eastern Loam Too Impoverished to Nurture Crack Athletes

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 10.—The reason that so many Presidents came from Ohio and that so many star athletes came from the Middle Western and Western States is declared by Professor A. Crilly, the Litchfield chemist, to be due to the fact that Western and Middle Western soil contains the elements that make the muscles and build brain, while the soils of Eastern States have become impoverished.

By this process of reasoning Professor Crilly attributes the decadence of Yale athletes to the impoverished soil of Connecticut and the poor nourishing qualities of Connecticut food supplies. He says that the West, because of the greater fertility of its soil, is producing greater athletes.

The analogy is now extended by Professor Crilly's adherents to the production of men of intellectual development. It is pointed out that the location of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential centers in Ohio and Indiana as proof that the soils of those agricultural states are turning out superior intellectual material. It is further pointed out that present national champions athletes are centered in the Far West and that as the champion track and football men.

\$10,000 Check Marked "No Funds," Woman

Harriet Pendleton Hunt, thirty-five years old and described as a writer, was arrested at the Hotel Langwell, West Forty-fourth Street, early yesterday, and held at the West Thirtieth Street police station, after being guarded all night in her room by a patrolman stationed at the door, the charge against her being grand larceny.

It is alleged that Miss Hunt gave a worthless check to W. E. Hutton & Co., brokers, at 60 Broadway, in settlement for \$10,000 worth of Liberty bonds in denominations of \$1,000.

"We did not seek her arrest and made no charge of larceny," said W. E. Hutton, one of the members of the brokerage firm, in a statement given out last night.

"Mrs. Hunt, who has done business with our firm in Cincinnati many times, brought in a check for \$10,000 on Thursday afternoon and had it converted into Liberty bonds. The check was returned later marked 'no funds.' We could not locate Mrs. Hunt and asked the detectives to help us locate her and recover the bonds. She might have given us the check under the impression that there were funds to cover it. We did not assume that she intended to defraud us. Both her family—the Pendletons—and her husband's family—the Hunts—are splendid people, of the very highest standing in Cincinnati. It is a very unfortunate matter and we are sorry that she was arrested."

When Detectives August Mayer and Grover Brown found Miss Hunt at the Hotel Langwell it was after a search through several hotels in which it was said she had recently been a guest. The woman became hysterical when the officers revealed their mission and her condition was such that she could not be removed until late Sunday afternoon. A guard was stationed at her room.

The detectives say Miss Hunt told them, after reaching the police station, that she had distinguished family connections in Cincinnati. She is said to have declared that former Supreme Court Judge Francis K. Pendleton, of East Eighty-sixth Street, New York, is her uncle.

Judge Pendleton, when asked by telephone whether Miss Hunt's story were true, replied that he had a distant connection of that name, but that he had never seen her and knew nothing of her. Judge Pendleton said he did not know whether the young woman under arrest was a relative of his or not.

The officers who made the arrest said that Miss Hunt appeared to be confused in her statements and to be unable to recall what she had said the next minute. She is said to have told the officers that she was married and had a husband in France, although she had declared that she had married a man named "Miss Hunt."

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Smoot to Offer "Dago Frank," Gangster, Shot By Companion

Tuscano, With Long Police Record, Probably Fatally Wounded: Prisoner Says Victim Insulted Mother Shot in Hotel Doorway

WASHINGTON, April 10.—A general sales tax was advocated to-night in a statement by Senator Smoot, of Utah, a Republican member of the Senate Finance Committee, who formally announced he would introduce a bill to that end in the Senate Tuesday.

Senator Smoot's measure, which he estimated would yield approximately \$1,500,000,000 in revenue annually, would place a flat tax of 1 per cent on gross sales above \$5,000 annually of virtually all commodities, both raw materials and finished products. The bill carries a few exemptions, but application of the tax would be stayed practically only on such commodities as now bear a higher levy.

Early consideration of the Smoot proposal is planned by the Senate Finance Committee in its study of the taxation question. Tentative arrangements contemplate beginning of hearings on this phase before the end of the week.

Equitable Taxation Promised

In discussing his proposed sales tax Mr. Smoot said it would be simple in application and easy to compute. He promised to distribute the burden of taxation properly, compelling each citizen to bear a share proportionate to his ability to pay, as measured by his buying or producing powers.

If the sales tax becomes a part of the revenue laws of our country," the statement continued, "Congress can repeal not only the items provided for in application and easy to compute. He promised to distribute the burden of taxation properly, compelling each citizen to bear a share proportionate to his ability to pay, as measured by his buying or producing powers."

Two Pastors Promoting Society Boxing Bouts

Episcopal Rector and Catholic Priest Help Stage Pittsburgh Affair To-morrow Night

PITTSBURGH, April 10.—Society women and others here will stage six boxing bouts Tuesday night for the benefit of the American Legion Post of Sewickley, a Catholic residential suburb. Mrs. Robert R. Richards, writer, and the promoters. So are at least two ministers, the Rev. A. C. Howell, pastor of the Sewickley Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Rev. William P. Curtin, pastor of St. James' Catholic Church, of Sewickley.

Along with a list of patrons and patrons of the bouts, a page from the blue book are the names of pugilistic stars, who are to provide what is announced as a "grand fistic display." Included are Johnnie Ray, Buck Brown, Jack McAniff, Pat Kelly, Val Grunau, Jack Perry, Danny Dillon, Patsy Scanlon, Irish Chick Rodgers, Patsy Young, Mike Moran and Young Henry.

Brother Abel Beats Cain

Pittsburgh Man With Empty Bottle Reverses Biblical Role

PITTSBURGH, April 10.—The long-standing grudge between Abel and his brother Cain reached the police this afternoon, with the result that Cain was taken to the Passavant Hospital and Abel to a cell in the Center Avenue police station, where he registered as Abel Hassod, twenty-three years old, of 1217 Webster Avenue. His brother is a hospital record as Cain Hassod, forty-six years old, of 1320 Webster Avenue.

According to Lieutenant James R. McCormick and patrolman J. Smith, the two brothers had an argument this afternoon which culminated in Abel using an empty milk bottle on Cain's head. Hence the arrest.

Police Make A Sahara of Coney Island

Not a Rum Leak Found Despite Sackett's Squad Samples Beverages in Resorts the Entire Day

Lid on Manhattan Is Clamped Tight One Liquor Arrest on Dry-est Day Since Roosevelt Was in Power, in 1896

If Inspector Sackett's announced intention of making a Sahara out of Coney Island was not completely carried out last night, it was only, according to the officers, because of the late hour.

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So far as alcoholic drinks were concerned, Coney was a desert, and would have been if Inspector Sackett's men had passed the entire day at home reading the comic supplements. News of his intention had reached the restaurant and hotel men, and they cautioned every patron as he entered not to tap any private stock that he might be carrying.

But Inspector Sackett's men, according to those who sought meals at Coney Island, were not content with raising comic supplements; they insisted upon acting as one of the server said, and throughout the day went from table to table lifting first their noses and then to their lips every glass of colored liquid that met their sight.

Plung Liquid at Policemen

At St. Paul's and other big restaurants, it was said, several men from whose tables the policemen had snatched glasses, hurled after the visitors what liquid remained in the glasses. The police, however, exercised upon them by their companions, would have followed up this long range attack with their fists.

The lights were reported, however, and not seen were any arrests made in the resorts. In spite of the fact that they are said to have sniffed and tasted every beverage in sight all day long, Inspector Sackett's plainclothes men found not a single violation of the prohibition law throughout the day.

Coney was not alone in its aridity. Experts asserted that New York had never been so dry since the late big Sunday of 1896, when Joe late Theodore Roosevelt, as Police Commissioner, enforced the excise laws to the limit, with the consent and approval of Tammany Hall.

Manhattan Saloons Stay Closed

As in Coney, the word had gone abroad that the special squad charged with enforcement of the prohibition law would be active and searched saloonkeepers in the whole city unlocked their doors all day. Places were closed, which probably had not been idle for twenty-four consecutive hours in the last twenty-five years.

Those who "carry their own" either left at home or were so cautious in their use as not to be detected even by head waiters, most of whom were under instructions to be particularly vigilant. Nowhere except at Coney Island, however, were the police accused of snatching drinks from tables.

In the whole city there was only one arrest for violation of the prohibition law during the day. The prisoner was a proprietor of a saloon in West 115th Street, and he is alleged to have had a pint of whisky in his possession.

"We are attacking the liquor sellers in four different ways," said First Police Commissioner John A. Leach, who has charge of the enforcement of the prohibition law. "First, by the uniformed patrolmen; then by the detectives; then by the inspectors' offices; then by the staff, and finally by the special squads."

All of the four sets of policemen are working in the same territory and each is a check on the others. Among them liquor drinking in violation of the law will be wiped out. Reports so far show that the patrolmen and detectives are doing their full duty and that the law is being enforced.

Inspector Sackett's men made twelve arrests Saturday night at the resort, the first being a woman, who was yesterday in Coney Island police court. One of them, the first to be arrested, (Continued on page three)

Scotch Lad's Golden Voice May Lift Immigration Bars

In the midst of the weekly concert at Ellis Island, in which singers of the Metropolitan Opera Company take part, Frederick A. Wallis, Commissioner of Immigration, showed a sturdy, freckle-faced youngster on the stage yesterday and whispered: "Now, Sandy, sing!"

"Oh, yes, I'll sing," Sandy whispered back with a broad grin, and he sang as if some spring of melody had burst his banks within him. His voice, clear and true, sprang to the further limits of the hall, where almost 4,000 persons, most of them immigrants, were gathered.

Every whisper was silenced, every disturbing rustle of restless garments died away. Caught up by the force of Sandy's singing, Sandy grinned, still grinning, he was hoisted to the shoulders of Milo Piceo and four other members of the professional singers who had sprung forward in their enthusiasm.

A storm of applause broke. Sandy wriggled from his perch and another to Commissioner Wallis, who with their permission he would "give me some imitations." The audience's permission vociferously, Commissioner Wallis nodded and Sandy delighted them with a cat fight, a Harry Lauder record and a German airplane.

Then he pulled lingeringly from his pocket a handkerchief, which testified to the limited laundry facilities at the detention station, wiped his brow and grinned. When somebody emptied on the table at his side the contents of a hat which had been circulating among the audience Sandy accomplished the impossible and stretched his grin. Then he bobbed his head and yielded the stage to Rosa Lee, of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Police Make Harris Admits Elwell Murder Story Is False

'All Bunk,' He Says, When Trapped in Grilling by Wife's State Police Regarding His Birthday Socks

Devised Narrative to End His Troubles by Being Put to Death, He Asserts

From a Staff Correspondent
BUFFALO, April 10.—Roy Harris, who had built up a colossal fiction in an effort to convince the police that he was implicated in the murder of Joseph Bowne Elwell, the New York sportsman, to-day made a sweeping repudiation of his "confession."

Wearied and worn from the constant grilling to which he had been subjected since his arrest last Wednesday, Harris declared that his confession was not only a sheer fabrication, but that the gallery of characters which he introduced to give a color of truth to his tale were mere children of his imagination. The chauffeur "Jerry," big "Bill Duncan," his alleged co-leader in the murder, and the mysterious "Mrs. Fairchild" never existed, he said.

He told District Attorney Guy P. Moore and Detective Sergeant Oswald the motive for his weird story was the hope that he would be sent to the electric chair "to end all his troubles." He knew he could not go back to Canada because of his check forgeries there. He was in disgrace with his family, he said; he had caused his miseries to his wife and child, and even at the moment of his arrest last Wednesday was in desperate straits.

He did not succeed in his purpose to escape by his story, and he was now a prisoner. He had no other way out of the false confession, he Harris made hoped to obtain at least a long term in prison.

Wife's Story Substantiated

This admission served to substantiate the theory of Harris's wife, who, in calling herself Mrs. Jessie Walters Leonard, and whose name she had been married to Harris in 1916 in Canada. She maintained from the first that her husband's story was a fabrication.

Immediately after Harris retracted his "confession" and admitted he knew nothing about and had no connection with the Elwell murder, a telegram was sent to former Governor Charles S. Whitman, in care of the train dispatcher at Albany, informing him of the new turn in the case and asking him to advise Mr. Fairchild whether it would be necessary for him to come to Buffalo.

Captain Arthur Carey, of the Homeless Bureau, New York City, who was on his way to this city when Harris made his retraction and was informed of the development immediately upon his arrival, said he would remain here over to-morrow to examine Harris on some other events.

It was possible that Harris will shortly be released, as it is declared that the authorities at St. Catharines, Ont., Canada, no longer want him on the forgery charges.

Detective Breaks Confession

There was a rumour current in certain quarters that Harris had again changed his story and, after a meal at the Elwell house, he was ready to resume the post of an accomplice in the Elwell slaying. This report, however, has not been confirmed by the police.

All Harris would say, the hearing of reporters was a remark he let fall (Continued on page four)

British Strike Believed Broken; Lloyd George to Carry His Policy to Polls

Government to Discard Mine Owner's Wage Scale; May Finance Industry

LONDON, April 10 (By The Associated Press).—The belief prevails to-day that the government, while firmly opposing a subsidy, is willing for a limited period to afford some temporary assistance to tide the mining industry over the difficult stage. It also is believed that the whole wage basis recently proposed by the mine owners, which originated the dispute, will be discarded and a new basis formulated for the miners' consideration.

Facts to Force Berlin Warned To Make a New Offer at Once

Legislative Leaders Promise Revelations Which Will Rout Opposition if Senate Hesitates at Probe

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ALBANY, April 10.—Signatures of a majority of the Republican legislators from New York City attached to a petition demanding that there be a thorough investigation of the graft and corruption in the Hearst-Hylan-Tammany administration will be presented to Governor Miller at a conference in the Executive Chamber to-morrow morning at 9:30.

The list, which is in the possession of Senator Schuyler M. Meyer, of New York, includes the names of some of the legislators from Kings County and Richmond, where the county leaders, Jacob A. Livingston and James P. Thompson, have been more powerful in blocking an investigation than the followers of Messrs. Murphy, Hylan and Hearst.

This list, together with the action yesterday of the entire delegation of the Republican legislators from New York County in going on record as unanimously favoring a thorough investigation, will, it is believed, put an end to the power of the opposition.

If this fails and the legislative leaders still listen to the advice of Mr. Fairchild, it is believed that the legislature or are swayed by the whispered plans of certain Republican leaders who are not working in the open, facts will be laid before the Senate which will drive the opposition not only to cover but some of its leaders from public life, according to two influential members of the Legislature.

Those who are fighting the efforts of the New York City politicians to combine to prevent a graft investigation pressed the opinion to-night that the amended Meyer resolution providing for such an inquiry will be reported out by the Senate Finance Committee either to-morrow night or Tuesday.

The resolution as amended calls for a specific investigation of the Police Department and of District Attorney Swann's office, as well as of the apartments against which charges of graft or corruption have been made.

It is expected that when Mr. Livingston and Mr. Tammany reach the conclusion that they cannot prevent the resolution from coming out they will seek to amend it so as to prevent any graft investigation and confine it to a construction investigation of the charter, with graft taboo.

This will not be tolerated for a moment by the three legislators, whose constant fight has swung the entire upstate legislature with few notable exceptions, to advocacy of a graft investigation.

Nabs 2 Bandits, Routs 3 Single-Handed in Cafe

Victor's Two Captives Still Calling "Murder!" When Police Answer His Phone Call

Five men who did not know Abraham Goldberg entered his cafe at 1202 Second Avenue last night and demanded that he turn out a raffle conducted for whisky, which he refused to do. Cries of "Murder!" and "Help!" and the crash of combat came from the saloon and so, presently, did three battered and disheveled men. They thrust their way roughly through the crowd which had gathered and disappeared.

Silence fell and the crowd shuffled its feet and asked itself questions that did not venture within. Inside, Mr. Goldberg, a little short of breath, was telephoning to the East Sixty-seventh Street police station.

"Yeah," he was saying. "I only got two of 'em. Cracked my club on the second and had to use a chair, so the three others got away. If you want these two birds sent to 'em, I'm going to have a rush of business as soon as I can get the place cleaned up."

Lieutenant Callahan sent a couple of patrolmen and then the reserves, as the telephone company informed him that the receiver was dangling at 1202 Second Avenue and somebody was yelling murder. The police found the cries proceeded from Andrew Finn and James Sherman, who were lying at Mr. Goldberg's feet and moaning "Murder! Help!" every time he moved.

They were locked up charged with assault and attempted robbery. The three men who departed so hurriedly were not to be seen, and witnesses to their flight informed the police that a telegram would not overtake them.

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